

New Bedford Jan 19 1840 -

Sunday afternoon

Dear Aunt-Mary,

I must write you a few lines to tell you what my plans are, & if I don't write this afternoon I shall miss the mail, & you won't hear till after I get to Boston - I have decided to come to the annual meeting, shall leave here I think Tuesday morning with William Coffin, Mary Longdon's nephew, so you may think of me then - I shall come to Weymouth Friday or Saturday afternoon. I, there, no hope of your going to the annual meeting. It would do you good I think - I thank you for your last long letter, which was a very interesting one to me. My heart was gladdened at the thought of their having 40 mince pies. I have thought much of you, now all are away but Lissy - She I should think would be better than nothing - When I wrote the last sentence I was thinking Henry was at Yale -

I have been much distressed the last week about this steam boat, or as the
12 about Dr. Bowen - for I believe I thought

more of him than any thing — Poor
Mrs Follen — what must be her con-
-dition — Mr Howland says that this Capt-
Phild who commanded the boat is
a worthless fellow — & that it was
owing to him that young Cobbin was
so badly scolded in the Narraugansett —
She was Capt — I went this morning
to hear Mr Peabody, who preached a very
beautiful sermon, a specimen of fine
writing — Mrs Perketson with whom I so
shed into my car during church that
a copy of Gibson's will had been obtained
from Darien. I told you the Nathan
Johnson story, did I not? I could hardly
wait till church was over to hear how
it was — these are the facts. Mr Johnson
the baptist minister happened to ^{be} well
acquainted with ~~a~~ minister settled at
Darien, & as Nathan attended his church
was interested in the matter & wrote to
him asking for information. The man
sent him a copy of Gibson's will — &
among other things bequeathed to Edward
Molyneux was "my slave Betsey & her
three children now residing in N. Bedford"
Gibson's own children remember. So, I think
his heirs forever I believed was the expression —

After church to-night Mrs. Richardson is
going to call with me at Mr. Jackson's to
see the correspondence — The colored
people are much excited against Nathan
& at the ball the waiters refused to
serve under him — & they were obliged
to get Sam Proherson — I am writing
from Mrs. Emersons where I dined —
Mr. Lindsay was thrown from a stage
last night & had his wrist put out of
joint — quite a bad hurt — I had
a few lines from Lewis by Mr. Emerson
Saturday — none of them attended to
the duty of writing so faithfully as Anne
Mr. Emerson brought me a story which
Moriah told him of Mr. Atch's repentance —
is it true — can it be true. If it is, it is
the Lords doing; & marvellous in my
eyes. His letter was reserved to be read
at the annual meeting — I suppose
this is new news to you, but it may
be — Mr. E. said Moriah told him a
great deal which he could not re-
member, but confessing that he
was actuated in the "clerical appeal"
by ambitious motives solely —
I long to be at home — best love
to all — Tell Lissy she must be on the

look out for me — I want to be
her very much.

I'm great — waste ever time
D.W.

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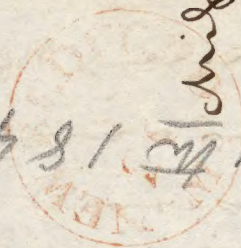
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Mrs Mary Weston -

Weymouth -

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I owe you now 30 cts -